# Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

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## Bacon's Bits

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Welcome back from a well-deserved break. I hope everyone enjoyed a safe Memorial Day weekend and took time to remember and honor those who have indeed made the ultimate sacrifice and the legacy they have left for us. Please continue to practice safety throughout the summer.

If you have not already joined MyMEPRS, I encourage you to do so. MyMEPRS includes an upgrade to the MEPRS Information Portal that gives you access to message boards and places you on an e-mail distribution list so you can remain abreast of the latest MEPRS announcements. Read more about MyMEPRS in this edition of the AMPO newsletter. Also, please read the latest edition of the TMA MEPRS Newsletter as it includes an article on changes and updated information on the EAS Repository. And speaking of the repository, AMPO has decided to conduct an EAS Repository training class in August. We are trying to procure a training room now and will provide you the specifics well in advance for your planning purposes.

Are you a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC)? ASMC was actually established in 1948 in San Antonio and is a non-profit educational and professional organization for military and civilian involved in the overall field of military comptrollership. ASMC promotes the education and training of its members, and offers an annual training event called the Professional Development Institute (PDI). This year the PDI is in Minneapolis – home to the Mall of America. Of course, I had to check out how many shoe stores they have – and there are 29 different shoe stores – OMG - be still my beating heart – so many shoes so little time! If you would like to check out the various training sessions being offered this year or would like to become an ASMC member, please check out their web site at http://www.asmconline.org
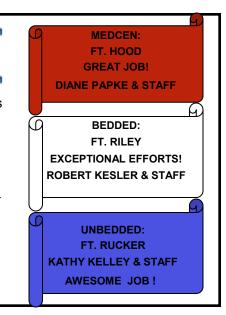
Thank you for all you do and

Have a great month!

## BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army MTF MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, DMHRSi Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, and Discrepancies for FY07-FY11 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's). Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

**MEDCEN:**
**FT. HOOD**
**GREAT JOB!**
**DIANE PAPKE & STAFF**

**BEDDED:**
**FT. RILEY**
**EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!**
**ROBERT KESLER & STAFF**

**UNBEDDED:**
**FT. RUCKER**
**KATHY KELLEY & STAFF**
**AWESOME JOB !**

# MTF Ranking-Perfect Scores

The following sites scored 100% in all categories used to determine the MTF Rankings:

Ft. Leavenworth for Jan 2011

Ft. Rucker for May 2011

Congratulations on a JOB well done!

# *MyMEPRS*

TMA MEPRS sent out a message on 17 May stating you must be a registered member of MyMEPRS to access the MEPRS Early Warning and Control System (MEWACS), the Six Sigma MEPRS Management Metrics (S2M3) or the Consolidated Cost Report (CCR). The TMA MEPRS Program Office has implemented this policy in the interest of safeguarding MEPRS data. If you do not have a MyMEPRS account, please request one by visiting the MEPRS Information Portal and selecting the MyMEPRS icon on the right side of the page. Please allow 24 hours for your account request to be processed. If you have questions, click the Contact Us button at www.MEPRS.info

MyMEPRS is an upgrade to the MEPRS Information Portal that gives you access to message boards, MEWACS query saving capabilities, and the valuable learning environment of the Five Minute MEPRS University (5M2U). Membership also places you on an e-mail distribution list so you can remain abreast of the latest MEPRS announcements. Registration takes only a few moments, so sign up today. Follow the simple steps on the MyMEPRS web site to become a registered MyMEPRS user.

If you have a MyMEPRS account but have recently changed locations, please use the Contact Us button on the portal to request an update to your personal information. There is no need to create an additional account when you move. Just contact the MEPRS support staff through the portal to have your MyMEPRS profile updated.

# *Parsing Report*

The GFEBS file is sent automatically from the GFEBS office to the EASIV server by the 5th of each month.

When GFEBS sends a file to EAS, the DHSS (EAS Program Office) runs the file through a parsing routine which applies edit checks to ensure the file contains valid financial data.  Checks are performed on Commitment Item, Main Account Code, Limit, Period of Availability – Fiscal Year Date, Reimbursable Flag Indicator, Functional Area, Cost Center, Order, WBS Element, and Fund Center.

This routine also checks the PDMIS ID against the GFEBS Fund Center to ensure only the funds attributed to the GFEBS Fund Center for the MTF is reported to the PDMIS ID. The routine also checks the DMIS ID to ensure it is a child of the PDMIS ID.

A parsing report is sent to the MTFs as a zip document. You will have to extract it as a text document. Once you can open the text document the site's info and the issues that must be corrected can be reviewed.

If the discrepancy is prefaced by the word "Warning", that record will be sent to EAS IV for processing but the user should use the information on the parsing report to get the information updated in GFEBS.

If the discrepancy is NOT prefaced by "Warning", it is an error and the record causing the discrepancy will NOT be sent to EAS IV. The correction must be done in GFEBS not in EASIV, coordinate with budget to correct discrepancies. Once the discrepancies have been corrected in GFEBS the file must be re-generated.

The site must wait for the new Parsing Report and verify corrections have been made before uploading to EAS IV.

A GFEBS file will not be sent to EAS for import until a file with a Parsing Report with no discrepancies is generated.

You can find the instructions on how to unzip and review the parsing report in the GFEBS Lessons Learned for MEPRS Personnel previously distributed.

# LDRP

What is an LDRP (Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum unit)? Many of the Medical Treatment Facilities are converting to this type of room for care of the mother and baby. Once the patient is placed in a room, this room will be used for their entire stay, from admission to disposition of the mother and baby.

What does this have to do with MEPRS? When Nursing states that they are combining OB, New Born Nursery and Labor and Delivery, the FCC/MEPRS Code will be ACX*.

CHCS should be updated with the new FCC/MEPRS code. Once the new code is approved by your AMPO analyst, it takes 60 to 90 days for the change to take effect in CHCS. All other issues are Nursing Workload (WMSNi) issues and not a MEPRS issue.

PAD determines where the Patient is admitted; please direct the Nursing POC to PAD so updates to the admitting process for the mother and the baby can be made.

# MAPS (MEDCOM AHLTA Provider Satisfaction)

The MAPS Program was established to ease the burden of clinical documentation and improve provider satisfaction with AHLTA by enhancing the use of technology in the clinic.

Providers/nurses identified as "Physician Champions" at the MTF/clinics to support the MAPS project are allowed to dedicate up to four hours of administrative time per week to the project. In DMHRSi, the hours a Physician Champion dedicates to the MAPS project will be recorded in the "EBJA" task.

## *Questions & Answers*

**Q:** I have a timecard approver that is out sick and did not give worklist access to anyone. How can I get the timecards to someone else?

**A:** No one can access the timecards. You'll have to wait the seven days for the timecards to reject. Please ensure that every timecard approver has granted worklist access to at least two alternates. This should be done before you put their name on the organization as the timecard approver.